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White House

17 January 1978

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Washington, D. C. 20003

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of 14 December 1977 to Vice-President Mondale has been forwarded to this Agency for reply. In your letter, you express a concern about CIA activities on college campuses and specifically request "the public release of the complete, unabridged report of the (April 1976) Senate Committee Report on CIA clandestine activities in this country, and in the academic community in particular."

Pursuant to law and executive order, the Director of Central Intelligence has responsibility for protecting from unauthorized disclosure intelligence sources and methods. It was this obligation which primarily necessitated deletion of certain CIA-related information from the final report of the Committee which was released to the public. It should be noted that this action was taken by the Senate Select Committee itself, albeit at the request of the Executive Branch. Moreover, the complete, classified version of the report was available to any member of the Senate who wished to read it.

For many of the same reasons (i.e., CIA's statutory duty to protect sensitive intelligence sources and methods), I am unable to provide you with any independent details regarding the existence, nature, and scope of any relationships which CIA may have with the U.S. academic community. However, please be assured that this Agency recognizes and appreciates the necessity of a free and independent academic community in this country.

Accordingly, in any and all of our dealings with academia we carefully adhere to standards which make a reasonable and good faith attempt to balance the principle of an independent academic world free from Government intrusion on the one hand with the needs of the nation and the rights and desires of individual academics on the other.

I sincerely hope this discussion addresses your concerns, we appreciate your interest in the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

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